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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner
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Washington, D.C. 20231

May 22, 2002

Sir:

Pursuant to M.P.E.P. §609 and 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97-1.99, Applicant herewith submits form PTO-1449 which lists references cited in the International Search Report (ISR) dated December 5, 2000 and the International Preliminary Examination Report (IPER) dated November 23, 2001 for the present application and of which Applicant is aware. English translations of the German language documents are not readily available. The Examiner is alerted to the fact that each was cited in the ISR and/or IPER, both of which are included herewith.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists. While the term "references" is used in citing the U.S. patents called to the Examiner's attention herein, Applicant does not make any admission that each or all of them are "prior art" references within the meaning of the statutory and case law.

Applicant reserves the right to contend, where appropriate, that a patent asserted against any claim of the present application is not prior art under the facts and the law.

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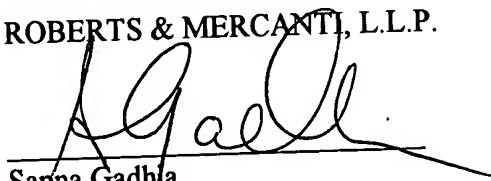
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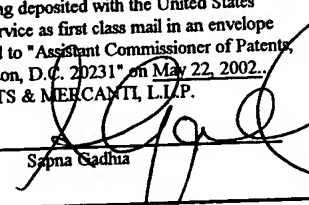
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